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RESPONSES KEYED TO PARA 5 REF. B.

A. FIRST UNDP RES REP ARRIVED IN JULY 1974, SHORTLY
BEFORE THE HURRICANE FIFI DISASTER. PREVIOUSLY,
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REPRESENTATION WAS BY DEPUTY RES REP REPORTING TO SAN

SALVADOR OFFICE. COORDINATION OF UN ACTIVITIES HAS IMPROVED NOTICEABLY WITH ARRIVAL RES REP, ALTHOUGH HE STILL ENCOUNTERS OCCASIONAL RESISTENCE TO HIS ASSERTION OF LEADERSHIP. RELATIONS LOCALLY ARE THOUGHT TO BE GOOD. UNDP AND IBRD COORDINATION IS INFORMAL AND ON AN AD HOC BASIS. UNICEF, THROUGH RES REP, PARTICIPATES IN COUNTRY PROGRAM EXERCISES.

B. RESPONSIBILITY FOR COORDINATING ALL EXTERNAL TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE RESIDES WITH NATIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL. THE INTERNATIONAL AGENCY COMMITTEE, COMPOSED OF REPRESENTATIVES OF ALL INTERNATIONAL AGENCIES HAVING LOCAL OFFICES, MEETS MONTHLY TO SUPPLEMENT RATHER WEAK COORDINATION EXERCISED BY PLANNING COUNCIL. (OAS NOW PROVIDING TA TO PLANNING COUNCIL TO IMPROVE COORDINATION.) RES REP IS ACTIVE MEMBER OF INTERNATIONAL AGENCY COMMITTEE.

C. RES REP REPRESENTS ALL UN ACTIVITIES IN HONDURAS, EXCEPT WHO/PAHO WHICH HAS OWN REP. WFP STAFF LOCATED IN EL SALVADOR. DURING HURRICANE EMERGENCY, UNDRP PROVIDED TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE. RES REP PROVIDED ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT. RES REP REPORTS THAT STRONGER UNDRP WOULD HAVE BEEN AN ADVANTAGE DURING EMERGENCY AND LAMENTED SMALL SIZE OF UNDRP STAFF (BUT PRAISED ITS QUALITY). HE SUPPORTED U.S. EFFORTS TO STRENGTHEN UNDRP.

D. ANNUAL PROGRAM REVIEW WAS SCHEDULED FOR SECOND HALF OF 1974 BUT WAS POSTPONED INDEFINITELY WHEN THE HURRICANE STRUCK. NO NEW DATA HAS BEEN FIXED, BUT WE SUGGEST THAT THINGS ARE NOW STABILIZING TO THE POINT THAT A REVIEW WITHIN TWO MONTHS SHOULD BE FEASIBLE.

E. UNDP DOES NOT REGULARLY ASK FOR OUR COMMENTS ON PROJECTS BEING FORMULATED. MISSION LIAISON HAS EXTENDED ONLY TO THOSE SECTORS WHERE AID HAS PROJECTS AND THEREFORE IN-COUNTRY EXPERTISE. LIAISON AT THE TECHNICIAN LEVEL SUPPLEMENTS COORDINATION AT THE PROGRAM DIRECTION LEVEL.

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F. FOUR ON-GOING PROJECTS MERIT COMMENT DUE TO THEIR SIZE: FORESTRY DEVELOPMENT, PLANNING AND ADMINISTRATION (HON/71/511); INTEGRATED AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENT (HON/72/011); AGRARIAN REFORM TRAINING AND DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME (HON/71/509); AND WHO'S NATIONAL HEALTH SERVICES (HONDURAS 3100). (1) FORESTRY CONTINUES TO BE EXCELLENT PROJECT (SEE REF A) IN TERMS OF QUALITY OF ASSISTANCE RECEIVED AND GOH UTILIZATION THEREOF.

THIS PROJECT BUILDS ON PRIOR SUCCESSFUL PROJECT AT NATIONAL FORESTRY SCHOOL (HON/68/505). (2) INTEGRATED AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENT HAS HAD TROUBLE STARTING UP, MOSTLY DUE TO SLOW RECRUITMENT OF EXPERTS. WE EXPECT THIS WILL PROVE TO BE A VERY GOOD PROJECT EVENTUALLY. (3) AGRARIAN REFORM TRAINING PROJECT ADVISORS HAVE BEEN VERY ACTIVE AND MET WITH A HIGH DEGREE OF SUCCESS IN HAVING THEIR PROPOSALS AND ADVICE ACCEPTED. WE ARE SOMEWHAT DISTURBED BY POLITICAL LEANINGS OF SOME ADVISORS, BUT RECOGNIZE THE TIMELINESS OF THE TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE. (4) NATIONAL HEALTH SERVICES PROJECT HAS NOT RESULTED TO DATE IN NOTICEABLE IMPROVEMENT IN ADMINISTRATIVE CAPABILITY OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH. WE BELIEVE THAT THE REASON IS THAT MINISTRY, AT HIGHEST LEVEL, DOES NOT APPRECIATE NEED FOR ADMINISTRATIVE IMPROVEMENT. ADVISORS SEEM CONTENT TO BE RATHER PASSIVE OBSERVERS.

IN ADDITION TO THESE PROJECTS, THERE ARE MANY SMALL QTE PROJECTS UNQTE, USUALLY ONE MAN, WHICH ARE OF DOUBTFUL INSTITUTION-BUILDING VALUE. MOST, IN FACT, INVOLVE PERFORMANCE OF OPERATING FUNCTIONS RATHER THAN PROVISION OF TECHNICAL ADVICE AND TRAINING TO BUILD UP COUNTERPART CAPABILITIES.

G. TRIPARTITE REVIEWS HAVE BEEN HELD OF SOME MAJOR PROJECTS, WITH MIXED RESULTS DUE IN PART TO QUALITY OF PREPARATION. GOH VERY ACTIVE IN REVIEWS BUT RES REP STAFF DOES NOT HAVE DAY-TO-DAY KNOWLEDGE OF PROJECT OPERATIONS. PRESENT SIZE OF RES REP STAFF SHOULD BE SUFFICIENT, HOWEVER, TO ALLOW ADEQUATE PROGRAM MONITORING IN THE FUTURE. RES REP ANNUAL REPORT NOT BEING PREPARED ANY MORE ACCORDING TO RES REP DUE TO INSTITUTION OF UNCLASSIFIED

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COUNTRY PROGRAM REVIEWS. HE SAYS HE MISSES HAVING TO SIT DOWN AND INTENSIVELY REVIEW PRESENT AND FUTURE COURSE OF PROGRAM.

H. NEWLY PROPOSED NON-FORMAL RURAL EDUCATION PROJECT DIRECTED TO WOMEN AS RURAL INHABITANTS AND THEREFORE RECIPIENTS OF PROJECT-PROVIDED TRAINING. (USAID WORKING WITH PLANNING COUNCIL TO DEFINE COMPLEMENTARY PROJECT.) AS A MAJOR PROJECT, THIS IS SIGNIFICANT STEP TOWARDS IMPLEMENTING DIRECTIVES CONCERNING WOMEN IN DEVELOPMENT. SANCHEZ

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